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Hi Bill:

We had our customary Monday meeting of the Bay Delta Team, and I'm writing to follow-up with you on a few points. With R9's delay in responding to DOI's Undersecretary Hayes, we've already missed the chance to package EPA's Action Plan with the BDCP announcement. There is word that a preference might be stated for a conveyance that is capped at 9,000 cfs, so that would represent progress compared to the larger facility (15,000 cfs) favored by the water contractors.

Linking the release of our Action Plan to the BDCP announcement would have accomplished the following:  
(1) raise the profile of EPA's programmatic involvement;  
(2) cause DOI to implicitly agree that setting new water quality standards is one of the most important tasks that needs to be done. This would have been symbolically and programmatically quite important.

Without the BDCP announcement being a driver to the release of the Action Plan, we look to ORA to set a schedule for releasing the Action Plan.

Karen is writing responses to Jared's questions (conveyed through Nancy W. so not very efficient), and the Team as a whole are preparing talking points that we anticipate will be requested by ORA. We did not initially write talking points as ORA had essentially delegated the release of the Action Plan down to the Water Division, and Karen could have easily handled inquiries.

So the 3-part package for the Action Plan will include the Plan itself, the talking points, and the press release.

Please let me know if you and Kelly wanted anything done further on the press release.

Thanks, Tim

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